IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE ES Bessemer Avenue, 255° SW of c/l of Delvale Avenue 6817 Bessemer Avenue

12th Election District 5th Councilmanic District Martin A. Pokrywka, et ux

Petitioner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 90-16-A

The Petitioners herein request a variance from Section 1802.3.C.1 to allow a side yard setback of 7.5 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft. and to amend the site plans in zoning cases 80-252-A and 86-512-A, as more

particularly described on Petitioners' Exhib 1. The Petitioners appeared and testified. Appearing as Protestants were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stanton.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 6817 Bessemer Avenue, consists of .15 acres +/-, is zoned D.R. 5.5, and is currently improved with a single family dwelling with an attached carport. The Petitioners testified that they are desirous of extending their kitchen on the northwest side of their dwelling to provide more countertop space and privacy from neighbors. The Petitioners also desire to extend the existing carrort as referenced on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1. The proposed one story addition will extend approximately 3-1/2 feet onto the existing carport, will tie into the existing carport roof and be placed on a concrete pad.

Mrs. Stanton, testifying on behalf of the Protestants, stated that she and her husband are adamantly opposed to the Petition for reasons that its close proximity to their home will create a fire hazard and an invasion of their property, being located adjacent to their bedroom window.

The Protestants also argued that the proposed addition will adversely block light and air circulation from her property.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether the gray would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 [] (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variances were granted in part, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the variances were not granted in part. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variances requested, if granted in part, will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Prior to the filing of this Petition, two prior variances were requested and granted regarding the subject property for the construction of a carport and an addition on the front of the dwelling, (see cases 80-252-A and 86-512-A). A view of the subject property reveals that the Petitioners have stretched the useable area of this lot to its limit and, therefore, any future requirements the Petitioners may encounter for additional improvements should be met by Petitioners relocating in a larger house on a larger lot, as no additional relief in the nature of variances shall be granted in the future regarding the subject property, other than that which is granted herein.

After considering the evidence and testimony presented, it is the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner that the requested extension of the carporc is contrary to the pirit and intent of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), in that the subject lot is already over built and congested and should, therefore, be denied. The Petitioners will be permitted to construct the proposed addition on the southwest side of their house, as more specifically indicated on Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted in part.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 7th day of august 1989 that the Petitioners' request to extend the carport referenced on Petitioners' Exhibit 1, is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the site plans contained in cases #80-252-A and 86-512-A shall be amended in accordance with Petitioners' Exhibit 1; and,

Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Pokrywka 6817 Bessemer Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21222

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case No. 90-16-A

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pokrywka:

Baltimore County

(301) 887-3353

Zoning Commissione

Office of Planning & Zoning

Towson, Maryland 21204

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in part and denied in part in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel frem to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

cc: Peoples Counsel

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stanton 6819 Bessemer Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21222

#474 PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a

Variance from Section __1802_3.C.1____To_allow a_side_yard_setback_of____ ----7.5-ft--in-lieu-of-the-required-10-ft--and-to-amend-the-----

----site-plans in Zoning Cases 80-252-4 and 85-512-4. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

1. To extend out far enough to have a doorway to back yard. 2. Privacy from neighbors.

3. More room, cabinet space and countertop space.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations, I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County,

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm,

		under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
	Contract Purchaser:	Legal Owner(s):
· .	(Type or Print Name)	Martin A. Pokrywka (Type or Print Name)
	Signature	Signature
	Address	Deborah A. Pokrywka (Type or Print Name)
•	City and State	Deborah A. Pohrywka Signature
	Attorney for Petitioner:	
	(The an Point Many)	6817Bessemer Ave. 282-7891
	(Type or Print Name)	Address Phone No. Baltimore Md. 21222
	Signature	City and State
	Address	Name, address and phone number of legal owner, con- tract purchaser or representative to be contacted
	City and State	Nama

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this of ______, 1957, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore

ZONING DESCRIPTION

Beginning on the east side of Bessemer Avenue 50 feet wide. at the distance of 255 feet southwest of the centerline of Delvale Avenue. Being Lot 36, Block 03, in the subdivision of Del-Ray Park. Book No. 14 Folio 66. Also known as 6817 Bessemer Avenue in the 12th Election District.

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

I am writing this letter in protest of case Number 90-16-4

I do not want this building done on the side of my house because,

1. It will be too close to my house and i will be airaid of a fire. 2. It will be so close to my bedroom windows and it will block all the light and air going to our bedrooms, and who wants a

kitchen outside your bedroom where you have to sleep.

My daughter is a nurse and works night sork and she has to sleep in the daytime and it would be impossible for her to sleep with people ten feet from her window cooking and eating. 3. MY husband and I bought this house in 1950, and we were told

by our builder that we could not build out on the side of the 4. I hope you will conscider our feelings in thismmatter as we

are senior citzens and cannot afford to move.

Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs Alexander Stanton 6819 Bessemer Ave. Baltimore, MD.

Telep - 282-4231

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a variance to allow a side yard setback of 7.5 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft., for a proposed one-story addition to the Petitioners' kitchen, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction:

> 1. The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> > Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Peoples Counsel

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stanton, 6819 Bessemer Ave. 21222

August 14; 1989

Re: Case No. 9016 A

Mr. J. Robert Haines:

The decision you made in this case No; 90-16-A,I think was very unfair to my husband and myself for the following reasons.

1. You told me at the hearing on July 27, 1989 that there was a law stateing you had to stay 10 feet back from the dividing line and then you allow someone to change the law to 7.5 feet. i think this is very unfair, after they said they mental wanted more privacy, and now they will be closer to my bedroom windows invading my privacy; and making noise to keep us awake. You even stated that the subject lot is already over built and conjected.

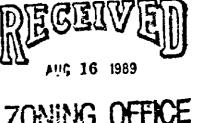
2. The kitchen at 6817 Bessemer Ave. is very large now, it is at least 10 feet by 20 feet so ther would have been no hardship

3. If I wanted to be that close to my neighbors I would have bought a rowhouse instead of a individual home.

4. When I go over to the senior center; I am going \$0 talk to the other senior citizens, and I will remember you on election day.

> Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Stanton 6819 Bessemer Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21222

> > telephone no.



Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning
Towson, Maryland 21204
(301) 987-3353 J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stanton 6819 Bessemer Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21222

> RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case #90-16-A Martin A. Pokrywka, et ux Hearing: July 27, 1989

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stanton:

Regarding your recent inquiry pertaining to the above captioned matter, please note that the "southwest" reference on page 3, paragraph 2 of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is a typographical error and should read "northeast" as you advised. However, the southwest reference is inconsequential as the controlling language of the opinion is contained in the Order beginning on page 3, paragraph 4 which references Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Thank you for your interests.

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Pokrywka

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Baltimore County
Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 987-3353

Mr. & Frs. Martin A. Pokryuka 6817 Bessmer Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21222 Re: Petition for Zoning Variance

CASE NUMBER: 90-18-A HEARING SCHEDULED: Thursday, July 27, 1989 at 2:00 p.m.

Deer Mr. & Mrs. Pokryukas

Please be advised that \$ 128.40 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE.

DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign & post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland fifteen (15)

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Office of Planning & Zoning
Towson, Maryland 21204



Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stanton 6819 Bessemer Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21222

> RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case #90-16-A Hearing: July 27, 1989

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stanton:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 14, 1989 in which you state your unhappiness with my decision in case #90-16-A. As a judicial officer, it is not my practice to debate my decisions. As you are aware from the copy of my letter you received with my Order, you are entitled to appeal my decision if you are unhappy. I strongly recommend that you avail yourself of the rights provided to you by the le s of Baltimore County.

Very truly yours,

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

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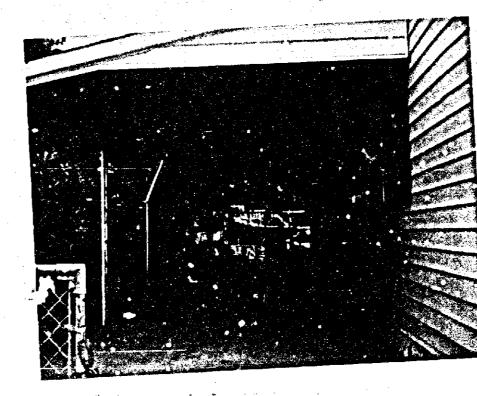
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J. Robert Haines

NOTICE OF HEARING



Dennis F. Rasmussen County Executive The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows:

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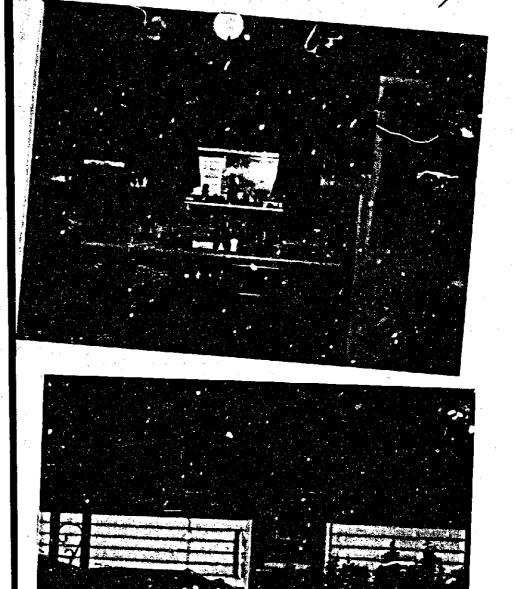
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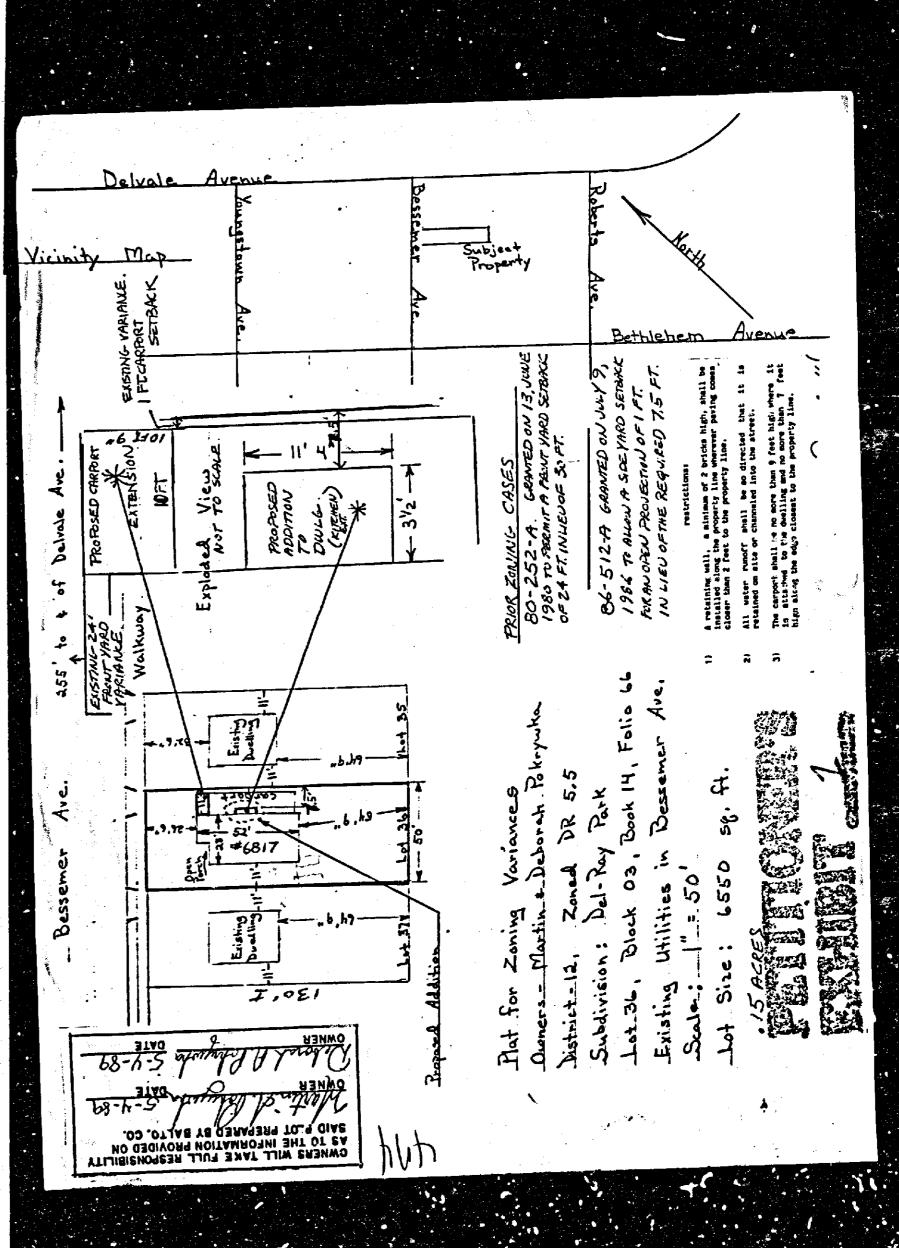
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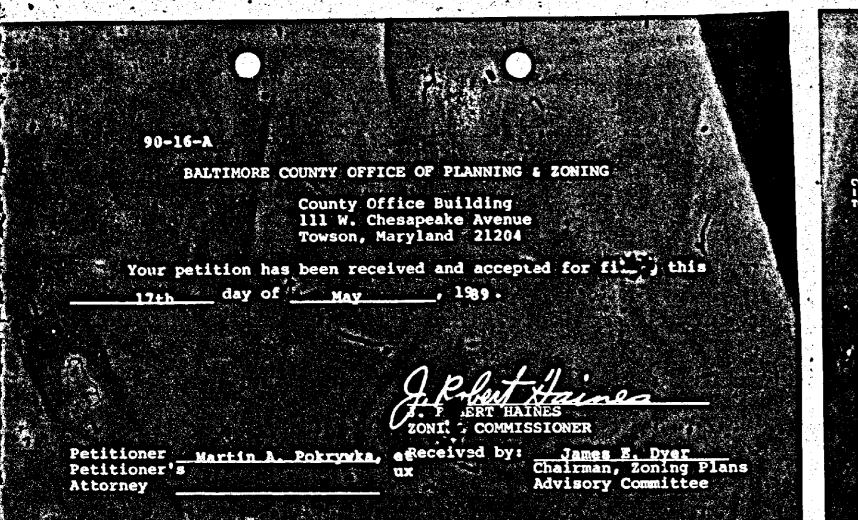
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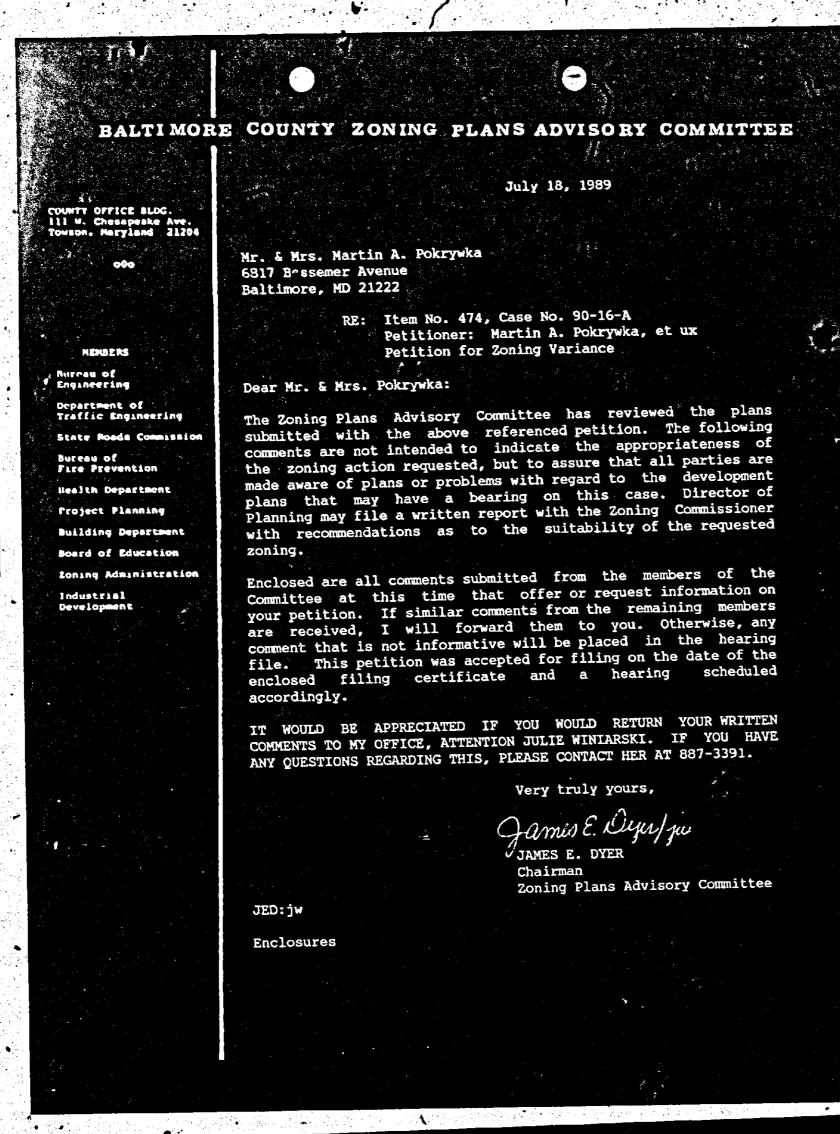
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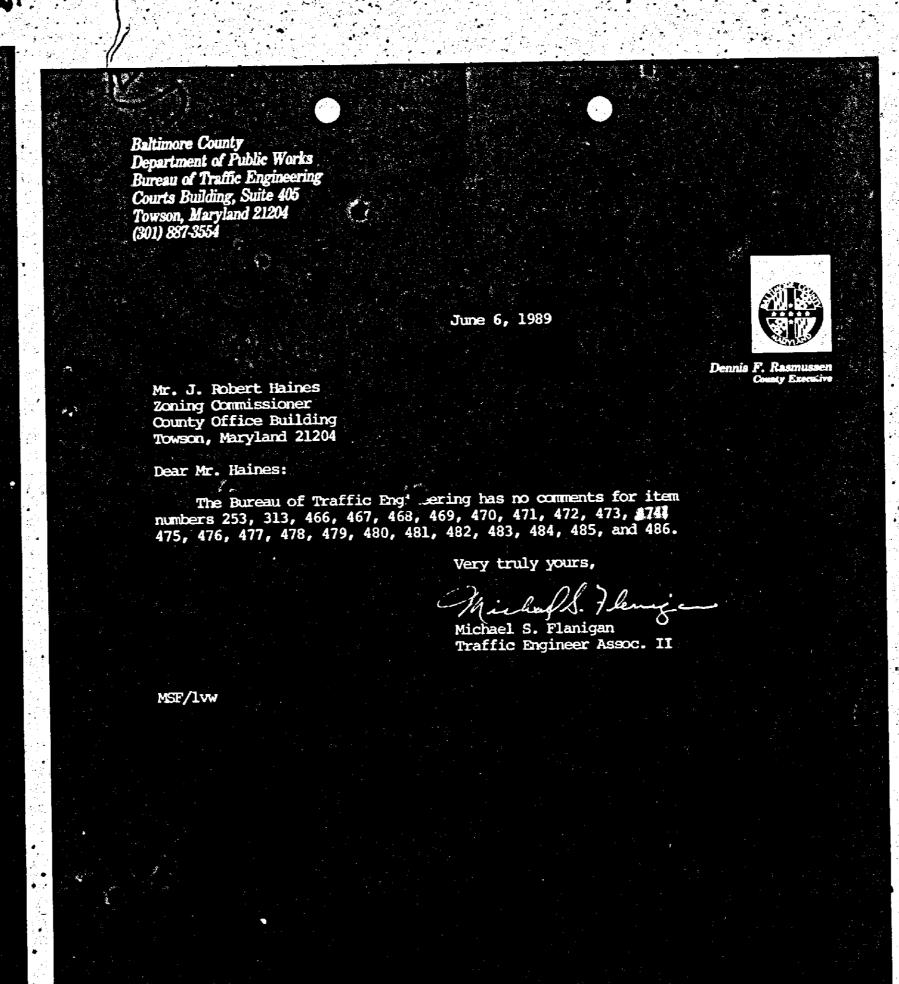
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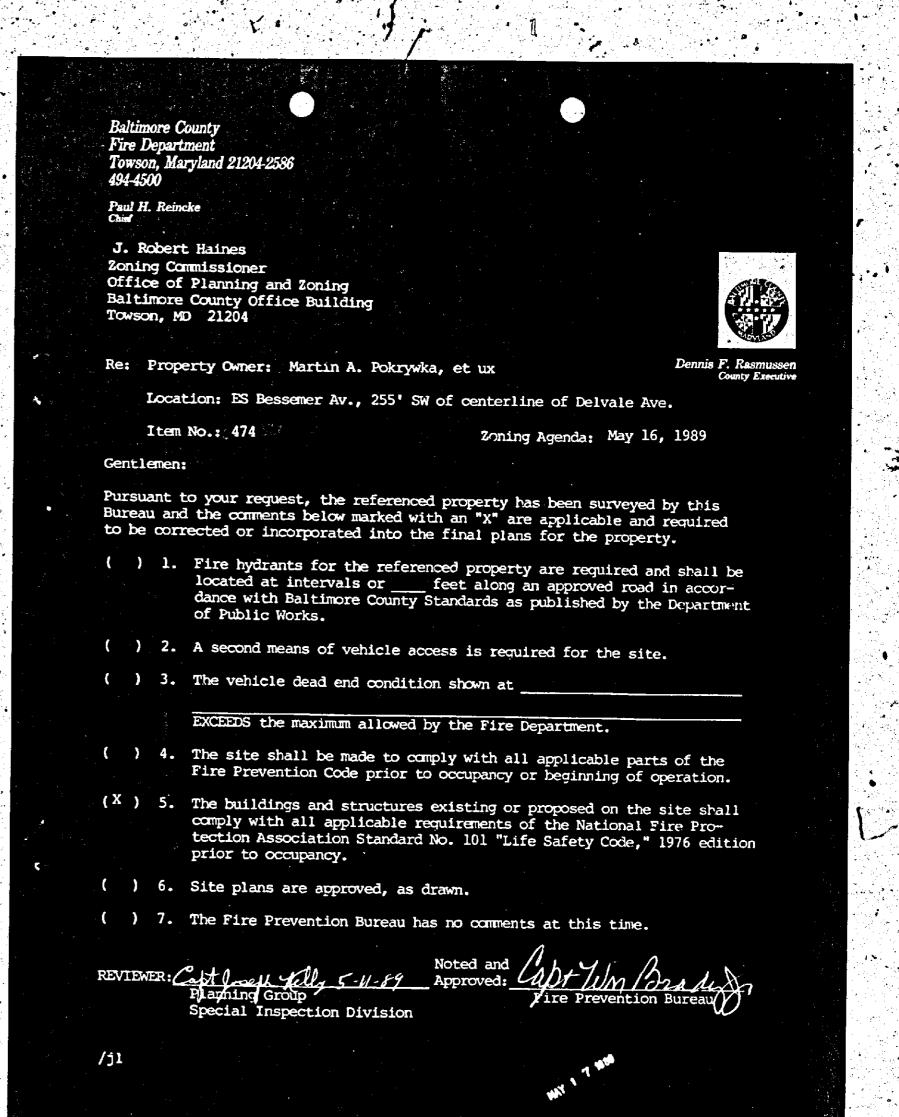


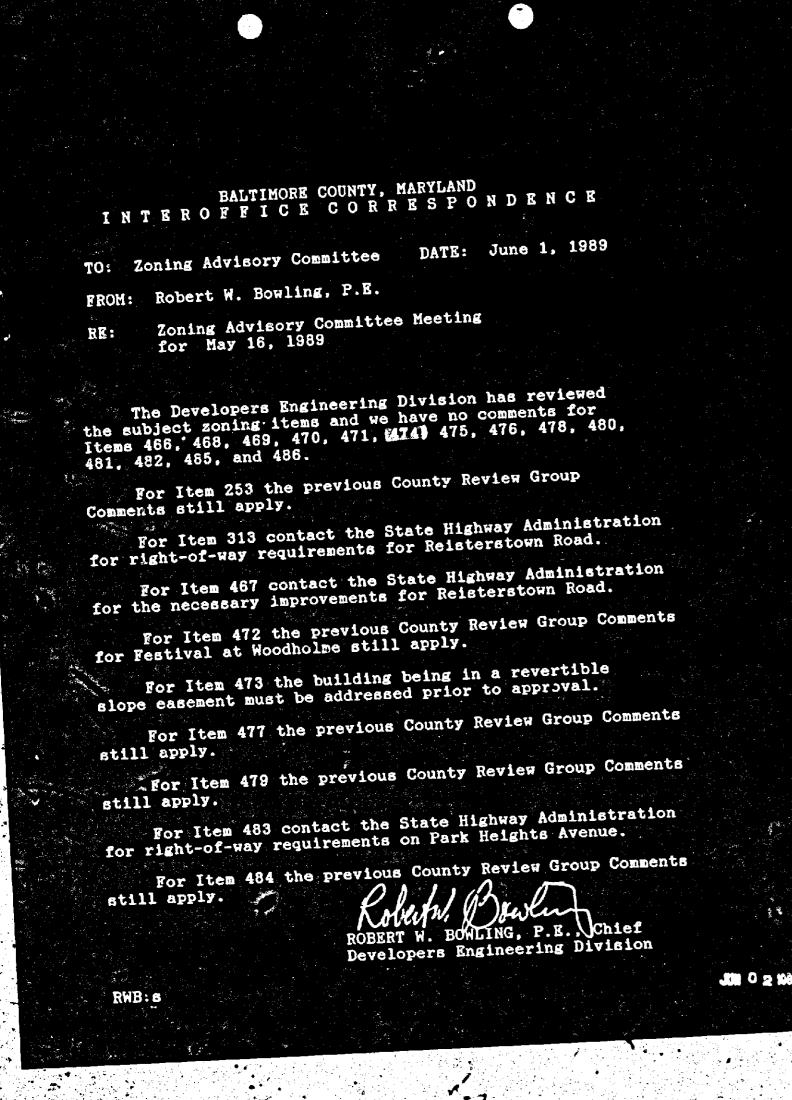


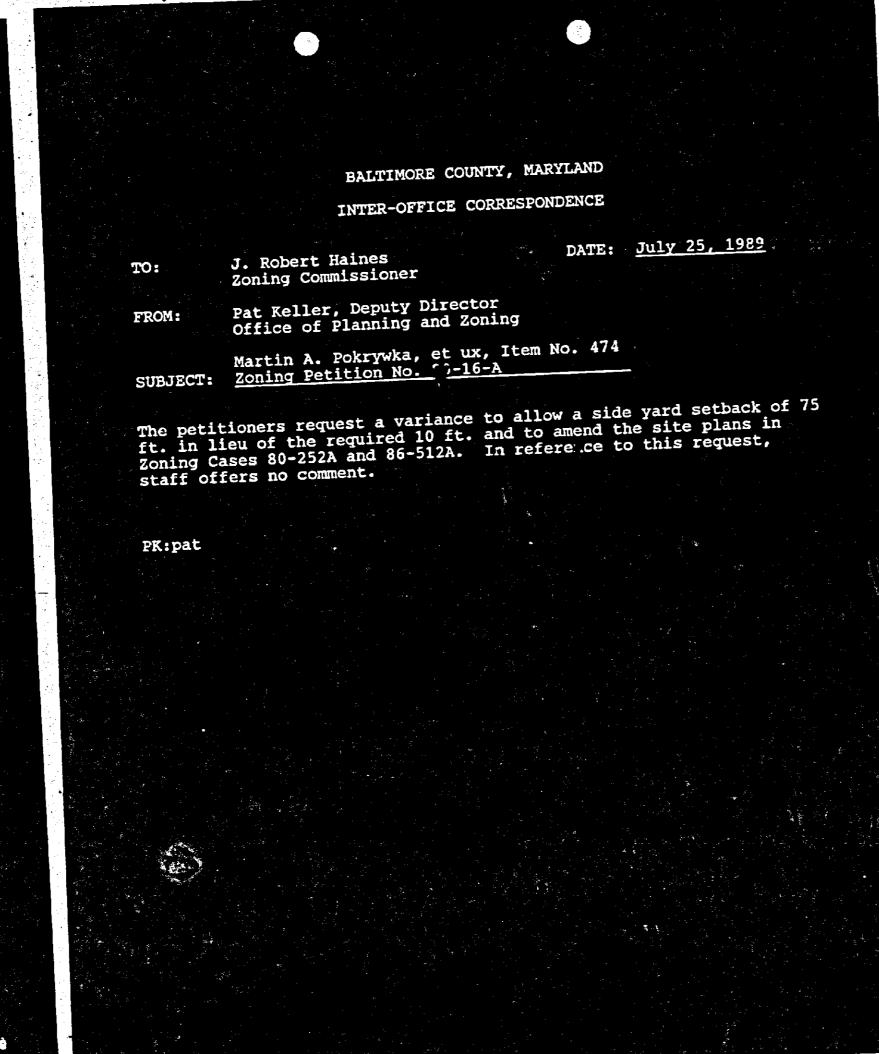












PLOT PLAN

OWNER Martin ADDRE . 6817

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PLEASE SHOW BELOW:

- property line dimensions and earements.
- existing buildings.
- existing well/septic. (show distance to nearest structure)
- road names and location of alleys.
- if your property is in a tidal or riverine flood area, indicate elevation of lowest floor of proposed work.
- the proposed work and the setback distances to the proposed work.

Front yard setback 45'2" Left side setback 7'4" Rear yard setback 75' Right side setback N/c

NOTE: 1. If a fence is to be closer than 2 feet to any existing fence or wall, adequate access must be provided for maintenance

2. Cannot fence access easements.

